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SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" అసలు మొత్తము ఎంత? expenditure ఎంత?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No information, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, is their present residence at Kodambakkam an improvement on their old residence?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Causeway across the river Pageru, Cuddapah district.

* 60 Q.—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) when the causeway work across the river Pageru near Kamalapuram, Cuddapah district, was sanctioned;

(b) the amount sanctioned;

(c) whether the sanctioned amount was increased later for any reason;

(d) if so, by how much and for what reasons; and

(e) at what stage the work is at present?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) & (b) The work was sanctioned for execution in 1950–51 at an estimated cost of Rs. 67,000.

" (c) & (d) The estimated cost of the work was revised to Rs. 90,000 on account of the increase in tender rates.

" (e) An expenditure of Rs. 30,280 has been incurred on the work so far. The work is likely to be completed by March 1954."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" ఇప్పటికే యీ causeway work పూర్తి చేయటానికి చాలా ఆలస్యము అయింది కాబట్టి యీపని ఎంత కాలంలోపుగా పూర్తి కాగలదో ప్రభుత్వం స్పష్టంగా చెప్పగలరా?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It will be completed by 1954." 8–40 a.m.

SRI D. SITHARAMIAH :—" అక్కడ కార్మికులు ఎంతమంది పని చేస్తున్నారు. కంట్రాక్టరు యీ కూలీలకు చాలా తక్కువ రేటు ఇస్తున్నారు. అది సరియైన రేటు కాదని అంటున్నారు. అట్లాంటప్పుడు అట్లా తక్కువ రేటు యివ్వకుండా గవర్నమెంటువారు శ్రద్ధతీసుకొని సరియైన రేటు యిప్పిస్తారా?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I require fresh notice of the question."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" ఎస్టిమేటు ఆరు వేలనుంచి తొంభైవేలవరకు హెచ్చుచేశారు. మంత్రిగారు యీపని 1954 వ సంవత్సరంతోగాని పూర్తి కాదంటున్నారు. ఇంకను ఆ కాలపరిమితి హెచ్చుచేస్తారా?"

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" That too depends on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer."

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SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI :—" ఆ కంట్రాక్టరు పేరు ఏమిటండి? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice, please."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" ఈ పని ప్రారంభించటానికే ఎంతో ఆలస్యమయింది. అట్లా ఆలస్యము కావటానికి కారణమేమో, ప్రభుత్వంవారు విచారిస్తారా? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" I have already told the House when the work was begun and when it will be completed."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The question has not been answered, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In that case, the hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Alleged illegal procurement of paddy.

* 61 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have preferred any appeal against the judgment referred to in starred question No. 93 answered on 16th July 1952;

(*b*) if no appeal has been preferred by the Government, how many officials were found to be responsible for the illegal procurement, by the Sub-Court, in that case; and

(*c*) whether any action has been taken against the officials for the illegal procurement; and if so, the nature of the action and results thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The court has found the procurement made from the pattadar illegal and hence awarded damages to the pattadar. The court has not found any particular officer or officers responsible for the procurement.

" (*c*) The Government have directed the Collector of Tiruchirappalli to take disciplinary action against the officers concerned. The Collector is taking necessary action."

SRI P. RANGASAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know whether the paddy was returned to the pattadar and if so, when? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not have the materials here to answer that question."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Sir, there are complaints from all over the State about cases of illegal procurement. Will the Government order an enquiry in all such cases and where they are satisfied as to their correctness, will they order withdrawal of prosecutions? "